

WASTE OF WATER BECOMES SERIOUS MENACE TO CITY

Chief Davis Warns of Approaching Shortage Due to Carelessness

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SHORTAGE of water threatens Philadelphia. Estimated almost 100,000,000 gallons are wasted daily, one-third of total supply.

House-to-house inspection is declared failure by Chief Davis of Bureau of Water.

Pitometer used by inspectors to locate leak in any block. Aquaphone, or water telephone, used by inspectors to hear leak in any house pipe at night.

Remedies used to stop waste include summons, \$5 fine, with shutting off of water as last resort.

Chief Carleton E. Davis, of the Bureau of Water, today announced that Philadelphia is facing a further shortage of its water supply.

DANGER IN WATER SHORTAGE. Direct or coming results of the shortage and waste Chief Davis mentions as follows:

- 1. Great personal discomfort in certain sections of the city. Where the pressure is low water does not reach the second and third floors.
2. The fire risk is greatly increased in some sections.
3. The possibility of spread of disease through drains that are not washed out.
4. Tax rates will jump if the waste is not stopped, as new waterworks and vast repairs will be necessary.

Household waste is of two kinds. The fixtures are left open through the carelessness of the householders.

Remedies and penalties applied by the Water Bureau were given as follows:

- First, notice when inspection is made if faulty fixtures or leaks are found.
Second, more imperative notices upon second inspection are given.
Third, summons and fine of \$5 allowed by Council for delinquents.
Fourth, the shutting off the water as a last resort.

SCHOOL OPENS OCT. 2; FIVE MORE DEATHS

Continued from Page One of the disease, have promised to do all in their power to help the health authorities.

More than 500 students are in different parts of the State on vacations and will not be permitted to return until the disease is checked.

The other deaths reported today are: CARLETON GIBBS, 2 years old, 1827 South St. street. RAYMOND BOWEN, 2 months old, 2625 Poplar street.

WILLIAM KING, 6 months old, 1630 Gray street. ERYMAN RUTGER, 11 months old, 174 Morris street.

The five deaths reported today make a total of 137 deaths in this city since the epidemic began and a total of 486 cases.

The only new case discovered today was that of Francis Cratty, 10 months old, of 1522 Rowan street. He was taken ill on August 27.

11 CHILDREN SENT TO WYNNFIELD. Eleven children were sent today to the Wynnefield Hospital. None of these cases is very serious and there is every indication that all will recover.

Ball Player Hit by Ball Dies. WHEELING, W. Va., Aug. 28.—An amateur ball player, 32 years old, who was struck by a ball while playing the game, died today.

"SAFEGUARD LIFE OF THE NATION," SAYS PRESIDENT IN PLEA TO CONGRESS TO AVERT RAILROAD STRIKE

Continued from Page One man Adamson, of the House Interstate Commerce Committee, and will urge early action on his proposal.

Republicans manifested opposition early today and indicated they would need considerable time for debate.

Administration officials feel that the entire program will go through within ten days.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S SPEECH. The President's speech to Congress follows:

"Gentlemen of the Congress: It is my duty to call your attention to a matter of the greatest importance which has arisen out of the demands of the employees of the railroads engaged in the strike. It is a matter of such importance that I feel it my duty to call your attention to it at this time. The public has been made familiar with the demands of the men and the arguments urged in favor of them, and even more familiar with the objections of the railroads and the counter-demands of certain privileges now enjoyed by their men and certain bases of payment worked out through many years of content.

FEARS NATIONAL CALAMITY. "The law in the matter put no compulsion upon the men to accept the demands which the public proceeded to vote to strike if their demands were refused; the strike was imminent; it has since been set for the first of September."

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FAVORS EIGHT-HOUR DAY. "It seemed to me, in considering the subject-matter of the controversy, that the only way to settle it was to refer it to a commission of men and women, and children who would pay the price, the incalculable price of loss, and suffering should the United States looking before and after and accepting the larger responsibility which the public would put upon them."

"These proposals were exactly in line. It is interesting to note, with the position taken by the Supreme Court of the United States, that the Commission could not without the financial losses which they confidently expected if they should submit to the regulation of their charges and of their mode of service to the public. The court held that the public would not undertake to form a judgment upon forecasts, but could base its action only upon actual experience; that it must be satisfied with the facts, with conditions and opinions, however scientifically attempted. To undertake to arbitrate the question of the adoption of an eight-hour day, in the light of the facts, as presented and predicted would be to undertake an enterprise of conjecture. No wise man could undertake it, or, if he did undertake it, he could feel assured of his conclusions."

BROTHERHOODS ACCEPTED PLAN. "The representatives of the brotherhoods accepted the plan, but the representatives of the railroads declined to accept it. In the face of what I cannot but regard as the practical certainty that they will be ultimately obliged to accept the eight-hour day by the concentrated action of organized labor, backed by the favorable judgment of society, the representatives of the railway companies have felt justified in declining a peaceful settlement which would engage all the forces of justice, public and private, on their side to take care of the event. They would be opposed to an increase in freight rates (for which, however, of course, the public itself would pay); they apparently feel no confidence that the Interstate Commerce Commission could withstand the objections that would be made. They do not care to rely upon the friendly assurances of the Congress or the President. They have thought it best that they should be forced to yield, if they must yield, not by counsel, but by the suffering of the country. While my conferences with them were in progress and when to all outward appearance these conferences had come to a standstill, the representatives of the brotherhoods suddenly acted and set the strike for the fourth of September."

"The railway managers based their decision to reject my counsel on this matter upon their conviction that they must, at any cost to themselves or to the country, stand firm for the principle of arbitration which I had suggested. I based my counsel upon the indisputable fact that there was no means of obtaining arbitration. The law supplied none; earnest efforts at mediation had failed to influence the men in the least. To stand firm for the principle of arbitration and yet not get arbitration seemed to me futile and unwise. I thought that the only way to avert a national calamity to the country had been to suggest that the men should accept the eight-hour day as a condition of their return to work."

8-HOUR DAY NOT "SANCTIONED" BY SOCIETY. RAIL HEADS SAY Would Mean Confiscation of Properties, Executives Assert

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Emphatically labeling the eight-hour day the "sanctioning of society," the railroad executives, in a lengthy statement this afternoon, explained why they have refused to accept the President's proposal. They said that it would mean confiscation of their properties. They then give the text of their counter-proposition, that all of the rates be reduced to the level of the existing rates, but not on a ten-hour pay basis, but imposing revenues sufficient to make good payments retroactive should arbitration be instituted. This counter-proposition differs only slightly in phrasing from the plan as originally made public last week.

"We are unable after the most earnest consideration," says the statement, "to agree with the proposal of the President which we accept without arbitration the substitution of an eight-hour day for the present ten-hour day. The existing practices and agreements. This is the main point in controversy and we cannot surmount it without an opportunity to be heard in the arbitration which will be given at the hands of the President's arbitrator."

consequences in some respects worse than those of war, and that in the midst of peace. "I yield to no man in firm adherence, alike of conviction and of purpose, to the principle of arbitration in industrial disputes; but matters have come to a sudden crisis in this particular dispute and the country had been caught unprovided with any practicable means of enforcing that principle. It is my duty to call your attention to this fact (and whose fault we will not now stop to inquire)."

EFFORTS FOR PEACE. "A situation had to be met whose elements and fixed conditions were indisputable. The practical and patriotic course pursued by me, it seems to me, was to secure immediate peace by settling the one thing in the demands of the men which society itself and any arbitrator who represented public sentiment were most likely to accept. It was to propose conditions for securing arbitration with regard to everything else involved. The event has confirmed that judgment."

"But I could only propose, could not enforce it. I could only look at the matter from a different view of the circumstances of the case, who even refused to admit the circumstances to be what they have turned out to be. "Having failed to bring the parties to this critical controversy to an accommodation, therefore, I turn to you, deeming it my duty to call your attention to the fact that we can do no safeguard the life and interests of the nation."

PLANS FOR LEGISLATION. "In the spirit of such a purpose, I earnestly recommend the following legislation: First, immediate provision for the enforcement of administrative arbitration along the lines embodied in the bill recently passed by the House of Representatives and which I have the honor to recommend to you. In order that the commission may be enabled to deal with the many great and various duties now devolving upon it with a promptness and effectiveness which are with its present constitution and means of action practically impossible."

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INCREASE OF RATES. "Fourth, explicit approval by the Congress of the consideration by the Interstate Commerce Commission of such an increase of freight rates to meet such additional expenditures by the railroads as may have been rendered necessary by the adoption of the eight-hour day, and which have not been met by administrative readjustments and economies, should the facts disclosed justify the increase."

"Fifth, an amendment of the existing Federal statute relating to the mediation, conciliation and arbitration of such controversies as the present by adding to it a provision that in case the methods of administrative arbitration fail, a full public investigation of the merits of every such dispute shall be instituted and completed before a strike or lock-out may lawfully be effected."

"This last suggestion I make because we cannot in the present state of the nation be hampered in the essential matters of national defense. At the present moment circumstances render this duty particularly urgent. The military force of the nation is stationed upon its borders to guard our territory against hostile raids. It must be supplied, and steadily maintained, and it needs for its maintenance and efficiency, it needs for its necessary for purposes of national defense to transfer any portion of it upon short notice to some other part of the country, for reasons of national defense. The transportation must be available, and available without delay. The power conferred in this matter should be carefully and expertly administered. If such necessity, but in all such cases it should be clear and ample."

INTERPRETATION OF LAW. "There is only one thing we should do if we are true champions of arbitration. We should make all arbitral awards judgments by record of a court of law in their interpretation and enforcement may lie, not with one of the parties to the arbitration, but with an impartial and authoritative tribunal."

"These things I urge upon you, not in haste or irresoly as a means of meeting a present emergency, but as permanent and necessary adjustments of the law, and suggested, indeed, by circumstances which I have hoped never to see, but imperative as they are just, if such emergencies are to be prevented in the future. I feel that an extended argument is needed to commend them to your favorable consideration. They demonstrate themselves. The time and the occasion only justify the brevity of their importance. We need them now and we shall continue to need them."

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ERNEST AUZEY, a patrolman attached to the Front and Westmoreland streets police station, who, on August 4, accidentally shot and killed George Kline, a patrolman attached to the same police station, was held to await the action of the Grand Jury this morning before Coroner Knight. In holding Auzezy, Coroner Knight said that his action could not be held, although all the facts of the case so far present, he said, show that the revolver which was in the hands of Auzezy was accidentally discharged, the bullet striking and fatally injuring Kline.

A HAPPY honeymoon planned by Michael Joseph and Miss Berline Penit, who were married at the Polish Catholic Church in Manayunk, has been blessed by the Bureau of Health. They are quarantined at the home of Frank Loral, of 133 Leavitt street. They went there after the ceremony.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION DEATHS. MACPHERSON.—On August 28, 1916, JOHN G. MACPHERSON, 34 years old, died at his residence, 416 E. 12th street, Philadelphia, Pa., on August 28.

HELP WANTED.—FEMALE DEMONSTRATORS.—Competent Demonstrators wanted for Roberts' Pat. Apaty Vest Delineating Co., 1202 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa. Address Mrs. J. P. G. G. 1202 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa.

HELP WANTED.—MALE HOUSEWIFE.—A woman of 35 years, with 10 years experience in the hotel and restaurant business, desires a position as housewife. Address Mrs. J. P. G. 1202 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Forrest Opening Postponed. Mr. E. P. Forrest announces